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1. QUOTED BELOW IS FULL TRANSLATION OF COMPLETE
TEXT OF PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING'S REMARKS DURING
LAST NIGHT'S RADIO-TV SPEECH IN WHICH HE ANNOUNCED
HIS INTENTION TO PROPOSE TO FRANCE'S EUROPEAN PARTNERS
NEW MEASURES FOR THE "POLITICAL ORGANIZATION" OF
EUROPE. FRENCH TEXT SENT BY SEPTTEL AND TEXT OF ENTIRE
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SPEECH POUCHED.

BEGIN TEXT. "ASIDE FROM THESE INTERNAL ACTIONS FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF FRENCH SOCIETY, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK OF A FUNDAMENTAL EXTERNAL ACTION CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE POLITICAL UNION OF EUROPE. TWO BIG EVENTS MUST HAVE ATTRACTED YOUR ATTENTION: FIRST, THE CHANGE OF PRESIDENTS IN THE U.S. AT THE TIME OF THIS CHANGE THE OUTGOING AND NEW PRESIDENTS MADE SPEECHES DEVOTED TO INTERNAL AND FOREIGN POLICIES AND IN NEITHER OF THESE TWO SPEECHES WAS THE WORD EUROPE MENTIONED. SECOND, (THERE WERE) THE EVENTS IN CYPRUS WHERE THERE WAS A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY: GREECE, TO WHICH WE OWE A LARGE PART OF OUR CIVILIZATION, WHICH EXPLAINS THE AFFECTION FELT BY FRANCE FOR THE GREEK PEOPLE, AND TURKEY, WHICH IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EEC. IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE WORLD AND OF EUROPE COULD NOT PREVENT SUCH A CONFLICT.

"I DRAW TWO CONCLUSIONS FROM THESE EVENTS: FIRST, THAT EUROPE MUST COUNT ONLY ON ITSELF TO ORGANIZE ITSELF AND, SECOND, THAT THE MODERN WORLD WILL NOT REALLY BE MODERN UNTIL THE WORLD MAP CEASES TO CARRY IN THE PLACE OF EUROPE A SIMPLE VOID.

"THIS IS THE REASON WHY IN THE COMING MONTHS FRANCE WILL TAKE CERTAIN INITIATIVES FOR THE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OF EUROPE. I KNOW WELL THAT THERE WILL BE ALL SORTS OF ALIBIS FOR NOT CREATING A POLITICAL EUROPE BUT THERE WILL BE NO ALIBI FOR THOSE WHO, CALLED TO A RENDEZ-VOUS WITH HISTORY, AS IS THE CASE WITH OUR GENERATION, DEPARTED EMPTY-HANDED.

"DURING THE COMING WEEKS FRANCE WILL PROPOSE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF MEASURES CONCERNING THE RELAUNCHING OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION, BUT I ALSO INTEND TO ADDRESS THE CHIEFS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, OUR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS, TO PROPOSE TO THEM TO REFLECT TOGETHER,

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WHILE FRANCE CHAIRS THE EEC COUNCIL, ON THE TIMING AND METHODS OF ACHIEVING THE POLITICAL UNION OF EUROPE.

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